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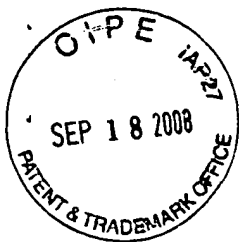
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 25, 2008, in which claims 1-5 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this communication after final and reconsideration of the claimed invention. In the alternative, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this communication in order to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.